

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

[If you have a prayer concern or joy to share during the week, please email Rev. Ellen at ellen@bethpagechurch.org.]

May 22

Joys: "Suds of Love" Laundromat Ministry (Christel), Paula Myers' birthday today

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, May 29

8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM – Sunday School
 9:55 AM – Worship Service
 10:00 – 11:00 AM – LMCS Bible Study - Rm 201
 11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion
 5:00 PM – Youth Group at BPC

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day – church office closed

Wednesday, June 1

3:00 PM – Staff Meeting
 7:15 PM – Choir

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, June 5

10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
 8:00 AM – KAPM Quarterly Breakfast Meeting at Second PC, Kannapolis
 8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM – Sunday School
 9:55 AM – Worship Service with Communion
 10:00 – 11:00 AM – LMCS Bible Study - Rm 201
 11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion

Tuesday, June 7

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
 10:00 AM – Women's Bible Study Group 1
 6:30 PM – Women's Bible Study Group 2

Wednesday, June 8

7:15 PM – Choir

Sunday, June 12

8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM – Sunday School
 9:55 AM – Worship Service
 10:00 – 11:00 AM – LMCS Bible Study - Rm 201
 11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary
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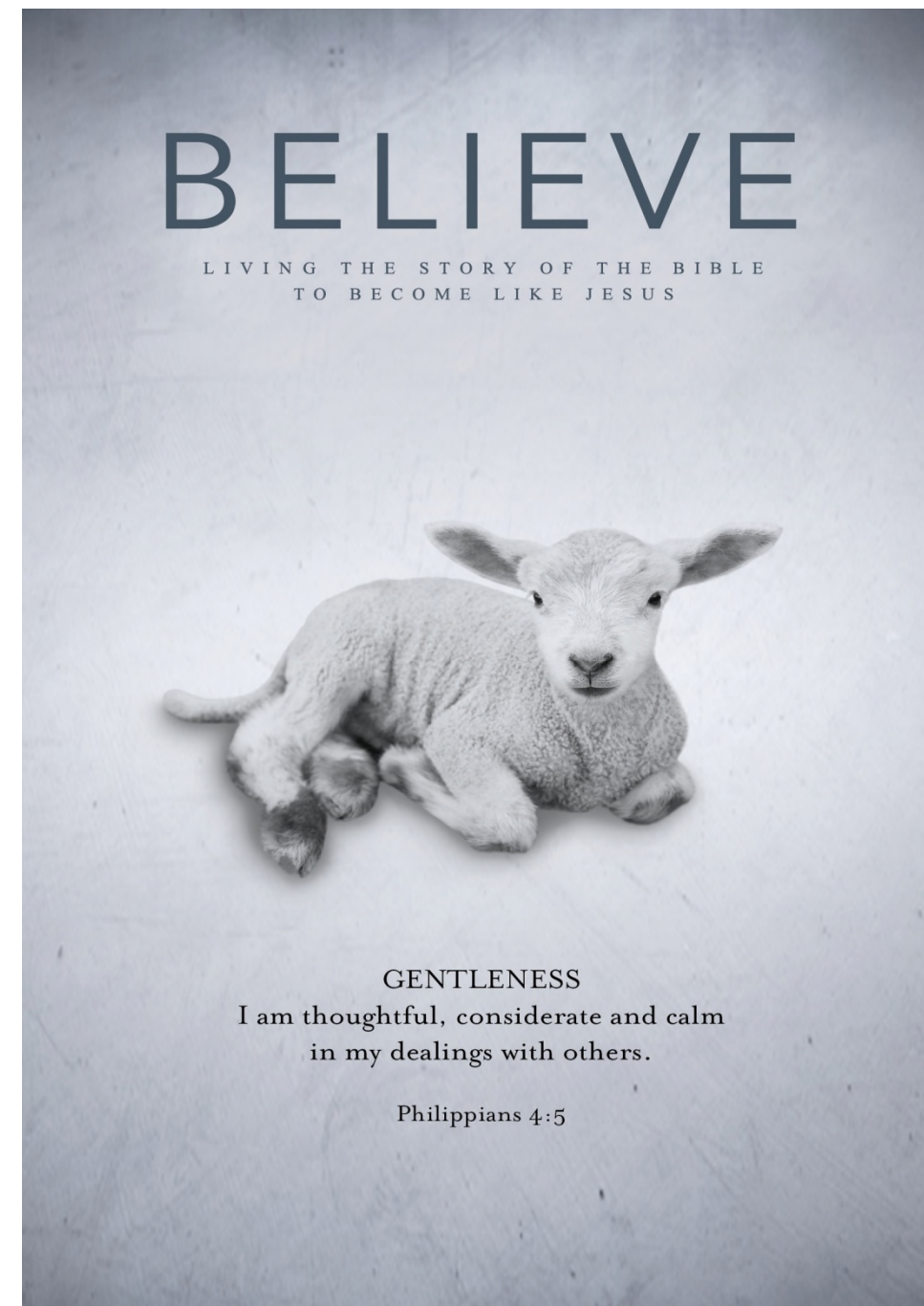
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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
 May 29, 2016

**"A family of faith
 yesterday, today, and tomorrow."**

We are excited that you have joined us in worshipping God today. If you are a visitor, please pick up a church information brochure, found in the pew holders. Please, let us get to know you a little better by filling out the information card, inside the brochure. You can drop it in the offering plate. Whether you are just visiting, looking to stay or have worshipped here your whole life, it is great to worship the Lord together this day!

DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, May 29	Monday, May 30	Tuesday, May 31	Wednesday, June 1	Thursday, June 2	Friday, June 3	Saturday, June 4
Morning: Psalms 67; 150 Evening: Psalms 46; 93	Morning: Psalms 57; 145 1st Reading: Eccl. 2:1-15 2nd Reading: Gal. 1:1-17 Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52 Evening: Psalms 85; 47	Morning: Psalms 54; 146 1st Reading: Eccl. 2:16-26 2nd Reading: Gal. 1:18-2:10 Gospel: Matthew 13:53-58 Evening: Psalms 28; 99	Morning: Psalms 65; 147:1-11 1st Reading: Eccl. 3:1-15 2nd Reading: Gal. 2:11-21 Gospel: Matthew 14:1-12 Evening: Psalms 125; 91	Morning: Psalms 143; 147:12-20 1st Reading: Eccl. 3:16-4:3 2nd Reading: Galatians 3:1-14 Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21 Evening: Psalms 81; 116	Morning: Psalms 88; 148 1st Reading: Eccl. 5:1-7 2nd Reading: Gal. 3:15-22 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-36 Evening: Psalms 6; 20	Morning: Psalms 122; 149 1st Reading: Eccl. 5:8-20 2nd Reading: Gal. 3:23-4:11 Gospel: Matthew 15:1-20 Evening: Psalms 100; 63

The Service for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday after Pentecost

May 29, 2016

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS (RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/PRAYER CARDS)

***WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God, our guide and our protector, as we gather today in your holy house, open our minds and souls and hearts, that we may be inclined to hear the gentle direction of your Spirit in our lives. Amen.

PRELUDE Madeline Misenheimer

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves: That it is not we who chose Christ,

People: but Christ who chose us,

Leader: That we are not here because of our goodness or gentleness

People: but because of Christ's grace,

Leader: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

People: but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

Leader: That we have not come to be entertained

People: but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***HYMN** (insert) "Holy Spirit" Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of unity and love, place within each of us a spirit of hope and community. Have mercy upon us when we speak without love or act without humility. Cleanse us with the living water of your grace. Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness. Raise us up to be your children, growing toward maturity in faith and love. Strengthen Bethpage Presbyterian Church, that we may be a model of ministry and unity for all the world to see. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen. (Please, take a moment for silent confession.)

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE HYMN 579** "Glory to the Father" GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS

(Afterwards ages 3 to 8 years old may exit for Children's Worship)

ANTHEM "Have Faith in God" John W. Peterson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Al Smith

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 25:1-14, 18-20, 23-24 (Bible, OT p. 269)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 21:4-8, 12, 15-18 (Bible, NT p. 115)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Christ's Spirit in Me" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 319** "Spirit"

***ASSURANCE OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 14)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory
*Doxology 592 OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

THE SENDING

***HYMN 457** "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" TOULON
(verses 1, 4, 5)

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE**

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*An asterisk indicates that all who are able may stand.

TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome you to our worship, and we ask that you sign our Ritual of Friendship as it is passed along the pew. We hope that you will return to worship with us again! We have a nursery lovingly and carefully attended by church members. After the Time with Younger Christians, children ages 3 to 8 years old, are invited to exit through the doors at the back of the sanctuary to attend Children's Worship. Parents may meet their children after worship by waiting outside Room 112 in the basement.

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome into membership all who love Jesus Christ, accept him as Lord of all life, and seek to serve him as part of his body in the church. We invite you to speak to one of our elders, greeting you at the door as you leave the worship service.

PASTORAL COUNSELING

Presbyterian Psychological Services is an integrated, interdisciplinary center for psychiatry, psychology, pastoral counseling, career counseling, and community education. We are committed to empowering all individuals, couples, and families in our community to heal and grow in an atmosphere of safety and clinical expertise. Contact info: 704-554-9900 or www.presbypsych.org.

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	USHERS
Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner, <i>Moderator</i> Roger Hamilton, <i>Clerk of Session</i> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>	HEAD USHER Linda VanPelt
CLASS OF 2016	USHERS Eric McKnight Ann Ennis Rick & Diane Mullinax
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